

Remarks/Arguments

The allowance of claims 17-23 and 33-37 is acknowledged.

Rejected claims 1, 11-13, 24, 25, and 29-32 have been cancelled.

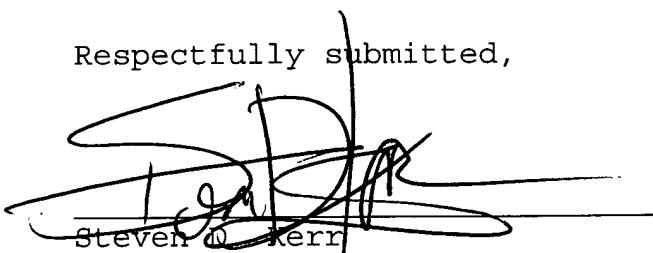
Claims 2-10, 14-16, and 26-28 were objected to as being dependent upon rejected base claims, with an indication that they would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all the limitations of their base claims and intervening claims. All of these claims have been rewritten as suggested.

In summary, two groups of claims are allowed. Rejected claims have been cancelled and objected-to claims rewritten as suggested in the Office Action to include the limitations of their base claims and intervening claims. Thus, pending claims 2-10, 14-23, 26-28, and 33-37 are in condition for allowance and an early notice to such effect is earnestly solicited.

Naturally, should the Examiner have questions regarding

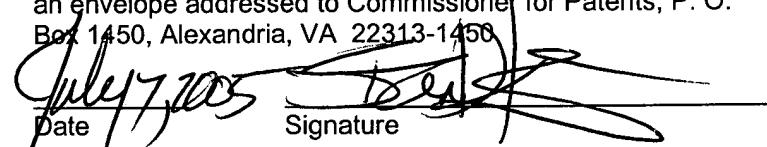
this Amendment or any of the pending claims of this application,
she is invited to phone the undersigned attorney for Applicants
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